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SUBJECT: MEETING OF USG INVESTIGATIVE AGENCIES OPERATING
IN THE BAHAMAS

REF: A) NASSAU 1009, B) STATE 154203

1. DEPT. IS FOLLOWING UP ON SUBJECTS DISCUSSED AT
EMBASSY'S JUNE 23 MEETING AND REPORTED REFTEL.

2. TAX TREATY: ACTION RESTS WITH IRS AND TREASURY.
UNDER SECRETARY ROGERS' REPLY TO IRS COMMISSIONER'S
LETTER OF JUNE 23 INCLUDED AN EXPRESSION OF OUR INTEREST
IN RECEIVING A PROPOSAL FROM TREASURY. ENCLOSURES TO THE
IRS LETTER WILL BE POUCHED TO EMBASSY WITH DEPARTMENT'S
COMMENTS.

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3. PERMANENT IRS PRESENCE: DEPT. AGREES THAT IRS WILL HAVE TO MAKE A STRONG CASE FOR THEIR PROPOSAL, WHICH WE HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED.

4. PINDLING-ICD CASE: WE HAVE ASKED SEC AGAIN ABOUT PROCEDURE FOR DELIVERY OF SUBPOENAS. LAWYER HANDLING ICD CASE IN ENFORCEMENT DIVISION CONCEDED THAT USE OF EMBASSY IS POSSIBLE BUT MAINTAINED THIS IS NOT USUAL SEC

PRACTICE. DEPT. RESPONDING TO OTHER ISSUES BY SEPTTEL.

5. DOMESTIC CONSIDERATIONS: DEPT. APPRECIATES AMBASSADOR'S REMINDER TO OTHER AGENCY REPS THAT THEY SHOULD KEEP US INFORMED. AS USUAL, WE WILL ALSO MONITOR THOSE HEARINGS THAT BEAR ON FOREIGN RELATIONS.

6. FREEPORT PRECLEARANCE: BALL IS NOW IN GCOB COURT. WASHINGTON AGENCIES ARE, OF COURSE, IN RECEIPT OF AND ARE STUDYING GCOB REQUEST. HOWEVER, NEXT MOVE IS UP TO GCOB (REF B).

7. EMBASSY'S INVITATION TO NASSAU MEETING WAS OBVIOUSLY WELCOME OPPORTUNITY FOR USG AGENCIES TO DISCUSS MUTUAL PROBLEMS IN BAHAMAS. IN VIEW OF NUMBER OF CONFEREES, AGENCIES REPRESENTED, AND SUSPICIONS EXPRESSED BY SOME CARIBBEAN GOVERNMENTS THAT USG INVOLVED IN ATTEMPTS TO "DESTABILIZE" THEM, IT MIGHT BE PREFERABLE TO HOLD ANY FUTURE LARGE MEETINGS IN MIAMI. ROBINSON

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